

BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MAY 7, 2014

Roll Call:

R. Correa	Present
J. Galligan	Present
D. Kostantakis	Present
T. Hickey	Present
E. Lohsen	Present
D. Morrell	Present (arrived at 8:16)
P. Musse	Present
J. Sansone	Present
G. Tonner	Present
B. Wicker	Present
R. Williams	Present
Councilman Brophy	Absent
Councilman Hayes	Present (arrived at 7:30)

Chairman Correa called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

Chairman Correa announced, *“All requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law have been met for this meeting of the Board of Recreation Commissioners of the Borough of Dumont.”*

- Notices have been transmitted to the newspapers.
- Notice is prominently posted in space provided on the bulletin board of the Borough Hall.
- Notice has been filed with the Borough Clerk.

P. Musse made a motion to accept the April 2014 minutes. J. Galligan seconded motion to accept minutes. Vote as follows: Kostantakis/yes, Morrell/NAV, Musse/yes, Sansone/yes, Tonner/NAV, Williams/yes Alt. #1-Hickey/yes Alt #2-Galligan/yes Motion carried. (*NAV-not available at time of vote)

OPEN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Tony Como, president Senior Baseball, brought up issues at Babe Ruth Field:

- Reported that three games were cancelled due to bad conditions, one on a sunny day.
 - What will happen when BOE grounds crew stops getting the field ready for DHS?
 - Wants DPW to find ways to get the water off the field. Senior Baseball doesn't have the manpower to use tarps—plus the ones we have are 6 years old.

R. Correa suggested DPW have a dedicated person to work the field. Will ask them.

Discussion ensued about coaches who push the water into the grass, causing more problems. Tony knows how to do it correctly. He will do it on the weekends.

- Bottom of shed is rotting out—water gets in when it rains.
- Spigot and sprinklers aren't working.

Councilman Hayes will talk to DPW.

- Senior Baseball playing all day at the major league field at PNC Boulder Stadium in Pomona, NY on June 8th for \$20 to \$25 for the day, parents are free.
- Tony and P. Musse will establish an account at Benjamin Brothers.

R. Correa outlined two estimates John Perkins received from Tri State for work at Babe Ruth Field. Rich will get back to us whether it's our responsibility or the borough's:

- \$4,985 to rebuild the pitcher's mound at Babe Ruth Field, add soil and seed to keyway areas and remove lip around 3rd base where water pools.
- \$1,095 for bases and cement holders.

Commissioners are interested in using a special green clay that absorbs water when it's bored into the ground. R. Correa will talk to DPW about it.

D. Kostantakis reported there's no grass at Twin Boro Field. Hasn't seen sprinklers working yet.

P. Musse made a motion to close the Open Public portion of the meeting at this time. D. Kostantakis seconded motion. Vote as follows: Kostantakis/yes, Morrell/NAV, Musse/yes, Sansone/yes, Tonner/NAV, Williams/yes, Alt #1 Hickey/yes, Alt #2 Galligan/yes. Motion carried. (*NAV-not available at time of vote)

CORRESPONDENCE

We received a check from the Dumont Education Association for \$345 from teachers and nurses from the schools. E. Lohsen will write a thank you note.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

- The budget has been approved. Councilman Hayes will let us know Recreation's portion.
- No word on monies for AEDs to be compliant with the new law.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Parade: The Memorial Day Parade committee will borrow our walkie-talkies. R. Correa, P. Musse, J. Sansone, J. Galligan and E. Lohsen volunteered to help. D. Konstantakis can drive his 1971 convertible. T. Hickey suggested Summer Rec counselors march.

Grant Playoffs Incident: Met with Brian Joyce and the parents involved in the Grant School playoffs incident. Brian will email all parties. Brian and P. Musse will write stricter language for Code of Ethics which commission will review. There will be no tolerance of booing by parents.

Memorial Park Toilet Backup: Thanks to Councilman Hayes for helping to get DPW to fix the backed up toilets at Memorial Park on Saturday.

DHS Land Lease to PSEG: BOE is going forward with leasing Dumont High School land to PSEG. DHS will get a new Mud Hut. We removed Junior Football's blockers to make way.

- Suggested R. Williams, BOE liaison, find out more.
- Junior Football won't be able to use that property—will have to use Twin Boro Field.

The Hut Maintenance: Had fire suppression inspection and grill cleaned and inspected. Plumbing problem was fixed so the grease smell is gone—pipe has been capped. Inspection was \$144.50, cleaning was \$395.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

- All bills that have been submitted have been paid.
- Questioned the \$225 bill for Hickory Field lighting in Bergenfield for Men's Softball. D. Kostantakis said sponsors cover the cost and league is okay with the arrangement.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Summer Recreation Camp:

- **Registration:** Registered 45 kids the first night—a really good turnout. From last year have 42 returning counselors, 46 new applicants and 4 counselors in training.
- **Fingerprint Issue:** Chief Faulborn wants counselors 18 and over to be fingerprinted. John Perkins and department heads feel Rec should cover the cost.

J. Galligan made a motion that Recreation reimburse counselors for the cost of fingerprinting. P. Musse seconded it. All in favor.

Discussion ensued about the procedure of fingerprinting—can't our Police Department do it? How good is fingerprinting for coaches if it's only done once. How often should we require it—annually, every three years? Can we just do a background check? Can we pay for it or add the cost to the registration? J. Galligan would like it to be annual for the safety of the children. J. Sansone is concerned that it'll be harder to get coaches because of all the requirements.

- **Flower Beds**—DPW and department heads okayed Summer Rec planting in them.
- **Vendors**—All booked. We saved \$395 over last year for entertainment.

Eagle Scout Projects:

- Patrick Harrison is completing the bat houses.
- Matt Smith wants to re-roof the Soccer hut and re-side Gail's Place in the fall—will work with Captain Mike Conner. He needs to attend a Rec Board meeting to present his idea.

Bathrooms:

- Twin Boro has been left open several times this week. Sent email to Jamie O'Neill.
- BOE declined request for two new keys (for Soccer and Junior Football) to the High School exterior bathrooms. Because keys were lost, locks will be changed. They want us to suggest procedures—possibly putting down a deposit. R. Correa will handle it.

Husky Painting at Memorial: A DPW worker has done a husky painting on the side of the DPW building. Would like to do one on the Hut at Memorial Park. Commission agreed he can put it on the back of the dugout at Babe Ruth Field.

Boy Scouts Soapbox Derby: Will be held Sunday, May 25th at Memorial Park—will rename Pershing and Charles Streets Boy Scout Way and Weblo Way.

Audit Report: In upcoming report, we'll be cited because of the way bids are handled. The borough is joining a county cooperative under Shared Services for cost savings.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

J. GALLIGAN

Celebrations: No report.

Football Cheering: No report.

T. HICKEY

Competition Cheerleading: R. Correa passed on from Teri Riva that next year's competitions have to include tumbling. Girls who sign up must be able to tumble and do flips, etc. It may mean there will be only one team.

Fundraising:

Monmouth Park Trip: they need one month's advance notice. Discussed options:

- \$23 per person with food included
- \$3.00 per person without food
 - Could ask pizza parlors to donate subs
 - If we have over 60 people could use picnic area
- Could do Family Fun Day on a Sunday—includes pony rides, sand castle building, face painting, music—children under 12 are free
- Could do a 50/50
- Discussed having a bus—Councilman Hayes will ask if we could use the Senior Bus.
- T. Hickey will get more information.

Tricky Tray: could ask each league to donate two baskets each per league.

D. KOSTANTAKIS

Girls Basketball: No report.

Women's Softball: Terrie Solari is grateful for our support. We paid them the \$250 league fee.

Rec Wrestling: No report.

Men's Softball: Conflicts with Girls Softball about permitted times at Twin Boro Field and the shed:

- In the shed, Girls SB has been putting lime and equipment on the Men's SB side. D. Kostantakis emailed Jamie O'Neill, league president, that Girls has the right side and Men's has the left. One of the Men's players inadvertently used Girls' bases because they were on the left side.
- Girls SB has been leaving their bases and rubbers outside overnight. Men's league president, Ed Giesemann, often puts them away for them. Jamie told us not to worry about them.
- It was rumored that Girls SB was planning to protest in uniform at Twin Boro on a Men's SB night to get another night there. Girls' executive board hadn't heard about this.
- E. Lohsen clarified that Girls SB has Saturday, Sunday and Monday all day till 10 pm. On Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday till 6:30pm
- There was an issue about the half hour "grace" period between 6:30 pm and 7:00 pm when neither league is scheduled. There was an understanding— if Men's has a doubleheader they can start at 6:30. E. Lohsen reiterated this in an email to Jamie O'Neill. Ed Giesemann will let her know when there are doubleheaders so she can inform Jamie ahead of time.
- Commission discussed ways to deal with Girls SB leaving bathrooms unlocked. Will email Jamie.

P. Musse made a motion to open the public portion of the meeting, D. Kostantakis seconded. All in favor.

Relay for Life Fundraiser: Captain Mike Conner, co-host of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, invites Rec leagues to participate on June 6th at the Dumont High School track from 6 pm Friday night till 6 am Saturday morning. Mike will email the flyer to E. Lohsen who will email it to league presidents.

Fingerprinting: R. Correa asked if Dumont Police Department can do the fingerprinting for us. Captain Conner will find out.

The public portion of the meeting was closed.

D. MORRELL

Shed at Roller Hockey Rink: Is looking into options and prices for new shed to replace the trailers.

Junior Football: No report.

Flag Football: No report.

P. MUSSE

Rec Boys Basketball: Brian Joyce and R. Correa met with the parents in the playoffs incident.

Senior Baseball: Going well.

Garden at Grant: After May 15, will work on and possibly mulch.

Certification: Will meet with Rich Healy, Brian Joyce and J. Galligan about having a class.

J. SANSONE

Soccer: Planning a camp in August. Waiting to see if BOE approves lights at DHS field for May.

Roller Hockey: No report.

Little League: No report.

G. TONNER

Girls Volleyball Clinic: Going well.

Parks & Playgrounds: The dedication of the Dawn M. Totten Field went well. Sign is up.

Summer Recreation:

- Camper t-shirts have been ordered from Bauer's.
- Will order counselor t-shirts from On the Move Graphics once we know how many we need.
- Thanks for all who helped with sign-ups—best turn-out ever for first night.

R. WILLIAMS

Girls Softball:

- Jamie O'Neill wants to be included in matters concerning Girls Softball—such as when the commission went to Gina's Field to assess it with John Perkins.
- Jamie's request for a tin locker at Twin Boro was turned down previously since there's enough room in the one they share with Men's Softball.
- Concerned about the dying grass at Twin Boro Field despite the rain.
- Wants to know what's happening with the right field at Gina's Field.
- Acknowledged that DPW did put up several No Dogs Allowed signs.

Board of Education: No report.

New Programs: No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Signs at Memorial: R. Correa reported that DPW has put up two No Dogs Allowed signs—could use more. There's also been a problem with people golfing at Memorial. Need signs and enforcement.

Cleaning Bills for the Hut: D. Morrell suggested we ask Little League to split the cost: we paid \$395 to Commercial Cleaners and \$144.50 to East Coast Fire Systems. J. Galligan said Little League used to pay for cleaning, but Rec has been paying recently. Commissioners agreed Fire Suppression cost is ours; agreed to split the cleaning cost with Little League. R. Correa will ask

Dave Searles for \$200. Discussion ensued about rent amount. J. Sansone wants an itemized report of what Little League makes to see if the rent needs to be adjusted.

NEW BUSINESS

New Summer Basketball League 21+: D. Morrell made a motion to start it and run it for two nights a week at Memorial Park from 7 to 9pm for 40-50 people. Would like to travel to other towns. Councilman Hayes pointed out that it's a free public park and the league's use of the courts would prevent other players from using them. Discussed new league using one court and leaving the other two for the public and suggested the players present the idea at a meeting. Will discuss at Work Session.

ADJOURNMENT

D. Morrell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 pm R. Williams seconded motion. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted

Ellen Lohsen,

5/31/14